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FIELD OF INVENTION

This invention relates to certain novel silanes and to
5 the synthesis of silylated and N-silylated organic compounds
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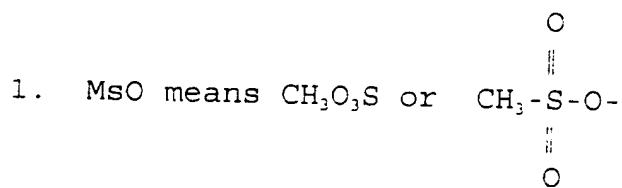
BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

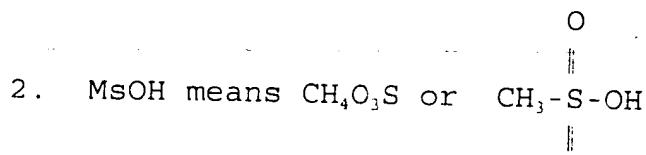
Typical procedures for the synthesis of silylated and
N-silylated bis and mono(cyclopentadienyl) and indenyl
10 ligands involve the addition of $\text{Cl}_2\text{Si}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ during synthesis
of monocyclopentadienyl compounds to the lithiated ligand
precursor. These procedures are not cost effective due to a
requirement for excess $\text{Cl}_2\text{Si}(\text{CH}_3)_2$, the production of
undesirable by-products, and a consequent need for expensive
15 purification procedures.

DEFINITIONS

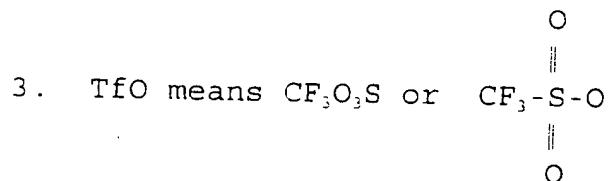
In this specification, the following expressions have
the meanings set forth:

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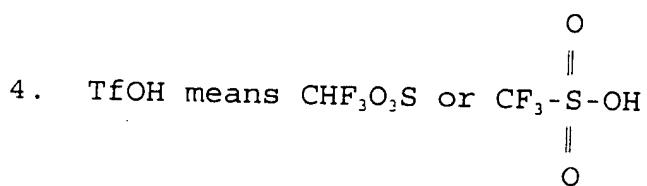




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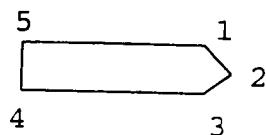
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5. Monocyclopentadienyl ligand means any ligand having the formulae $\text{C}_5\text{H}_x\text{R}_y$, wherein:

$$X = 0-5$$

$$Y = 0-5$$

20 R = any alkyl or aromatic group or combination thereof, and H or R can occupy any one or more of the positions 1 to 5 of the formula



For example, R may be an alkyl group having one to eight carbon atoms including but not limited to methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, tertbutyl, hexyl or octyl. Methyl is the preferred alkyl group. R, when an aromatic group, may be phenyl, xylyl, mesityl, naphthyl or fluorenyl.

5 6. Silylated monocyclopentadienyl ligand means any ligand having the formula $(R_3Si)_zC_5H_xR_y$, wherein $C_5H_xR_y$ is as defined in definition 5, Z=1-5 and R and R_y are identical or different alkyl or aromatic groups.

10 7. N-silylated monocyclopentadienyl ligand means any ligand having the formula $RNH(SiR_2)C_5H_xR_y$, wherein $C_5H_xR_y$ is as defined in definition 5, and R and R_y are identical or different alkyl or aromatic groups.

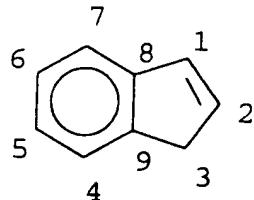
15 8. Silylated biscyclopentadienyl ligand means any ligand having the formula $(C_5H_xR_y)_2SiR_2$, wherein $C_5H_xR_y$ and R_y are as defined by definitions 6 and 7.

9. Silylated monoindenyl ligand means any ligand having the formula $(R_3Si)(C_5H_xR_y)$ wherein

$$X = 0-7$$

$$20 \quad Y = 0-7$$

H or R can occupy any positions 1 to 7 and R₂Si can occupy only position 3 of the formula



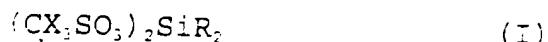
wherein R and R_y are as defined by definitions 6 and 7.

10. N-silylated monoindenyl ligand means any ligand
5 having the formula RNH(SiR₂)C_xH_xR_y, wherein R and R_y are as
defined by definitions 6 and 7. (C_xH_xR_y) is as defined in
definition 9 and wherein X = 0-7 and y = 0-7.

11. Silylated bisindenyl ligand means any ligand
having the formula (R₂Si)C_xH_xR_y wherein R and R_y are as
10 defined in definitions 6 and 7; X = 0-7 and y = 0-7.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

One aspect of the invention includes novel silanes
having the Formula (I):

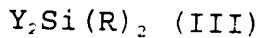


15 or the Formula (II):

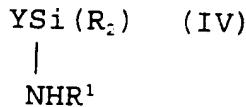


in which X is H or F, each R in formula (I) may be the same
5 or a different alkyl or aromatic group as defined by
definition 5 with the proviso that when X is F in formula
(I), R is not methyl, and R' is an alkyl or aromatic group
which may be the same or different from R.

Another aspect of the invention is a method for the
10 synthesis of silylated and N-silylated compounds having the
Formula (III)



or the Formula (IV)



15 in which Y is any organic group and in which R and R' are
the same or different organic groups, preferably substituted
or unsubstituted aliphatic or aryl groups as defined by
20 definition 5.

The invention includes methods for reacting organic
alkali metalides having the formula YM, in which Y is any
organic group and M is any alkali metal with a silane having

the Formula (I) or Formula (II) wherein the product is a compound having the Formula (III) or Formula (IV).

A first step of such methods includes preparation of an organic alkali metalide. Methods for the preparation of such compounds are known. For example, any compound having a -CH group, preferably acidic, is reacted with an alkali metal alkyl having the formula R^3M , in which R^3 may be any hydrocarbyl group and M may be lithium, potassium or sodium. M may also be a magnesium halide. N-butyl lithium or tert-butyl lithium are preferred RM compounds. The reaction is conducted in a non-interfering solvent, preferably diethyl ether or tetrahydrofuran, which may also include or be combined or mixed with a hydrocarbon such as toluene. The reaction mixture contains a desired alkali metalide.

In a second step, the alkali metalide product of the first step is optionally but not necessarily isolated from the first step reaction mixture and reacted with a silane having the Formula (I) or the Formula (II). Methods for such isolating such compounds are known.

In one aspect of the invention, the compound having -CH group is a C₆-ring containing compound useful as an olefin

polymerization catalyst ligand or as a precursor of such a
ligand. Such ligands include but are not limited to
substituted, unsubstituted, mono-, or bis- cyclopentadienyl,
indenyl, naphthenyl and antracenyl ligands. These ligands
5 may be hydrogenated. For example, such ligands include
cyclopentadienes, bis-cyclopentadienes, indenes, bis-
indenenes, mono- and poly- alkyl, preferably methyl,
substituted cyclopentadienes and indenes, such as tetraethyl
cyclopentadiene and 2-methyl indene, 2-methyl-benzo(indene),
10 bis-2-methyl-benzo(indene), dimethyl silane, substituted,
unsubstituted and bis-phenanthrene, and
cyclopentaphenanthrene which may be but need not be
hydrogenated.

Another aspect of the invention may include a method
15 which comprises combining a compound having the formula
 $Q^1-(Z)-Q^2Li$, and a compound having the formula $R^1_3SiO_2R^2$ in a
non-interfering solvent wherein said compound having the
formula $Q^1-(Z)-Q^2Li$ reacts with the compound having the
formula $R^1_3SiO_2R^2$ to produce a compound having the formula
20 $R^1_3SiQ^1-(Z)_xQ^2SiR^1_3$
or

$R^1_3SiQ^1$ where Q^1 =indene

or

$R^1_3SiQ^2$ where Q^2 =cyclopentadiene

wherein R^1 and Q^1 and Q^2 each have 1 to 10 carbon atoms are

5 the same or different aryl, preferably phenyl, and R^1 are identical or different alkyl groups.

Specifically, Q^1 and Q^2

(i) may be the same or different;

(ii) are preferably unsubstituted;

10 (iii) may be substituted at any position not occupied by linkage to $(Z)_x$ or to lithium and

(iv) Z is a linking group, preferably $(CH_2)_y$ in which y is 1 to 6 or $Si(R^2)$ wherein R^2 is a 1 to 6 carbon atom alkyl group.

15 Useful Q^1 and Q^2 substituents include one to six carbon atom alkyl, preferably methyl, groups; halogens, preferably chlorine, fluorine or bromine, and substituents which form rings with two Q^1 or Q^2 carbon atoms.

Compounds having the formula $Q^1(Z)_x Q^2 Li$ are prepared in
20 known manner by reacting a compound of formula $Q^1(Z)_x Q^2$ with an alkyl lithium compound, preferably n-butyl or t-butyl

lithium in a non-interfering solvent, preferably ether or tetrahydrofuran. The lithiation reaction is appropriately conducted at a temperature of from about -80°C to about 40°C.

5 The reaction mixture which contains lithiated $Q^1-(X)_x Q^2$
 may be combined directly with $R^1_2SiO_2SR^2$ to yield $R^1_2SiQ^1(X)_x$
 Q^2SiR_3 . The reaction proceeds to substantial completion in
 about thirty minutes at room temperature. See Example 8.
 Alternatively, the lithium salt may be isolated prior to
 10 reaction with $R^1_2SiO_2SR^2$.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The Formula (I) silanes may be prepared by reacting a compound of the formula R^1SO_3H , in which R^1 is any straight or branched chain alkyl group preferably having one to eight carbon atoms, with a compound of the formula X_2SiQ_2 , in which X and Q are as defined.

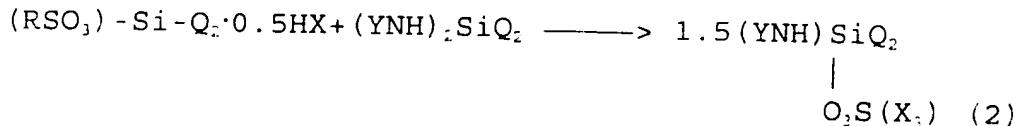
The synthesis of one Formula (I) silane is illustrated by Equation 1:



RT = Room Temperature.

The novel Formula (II) silanes are synthesized by reacting RSO₃H with a compound having the formula (YNH)₂SiQ₂, in which R and Q are as defined, and Y is an alkyl group which may be the same as or different from Q. See

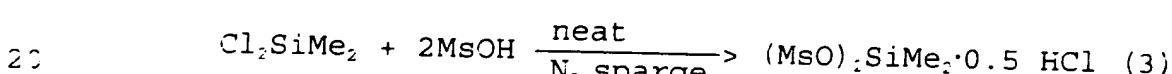
5 Equation 2:



EXAMPLE 1

10 Preparation of Formula I Silane - (MSO)₂SiMe₂·0.5 HCl
[(CH₃O₂S)₂Si(CH₃)₂·0.5HCl]. To a 500 mL flask containing neat Cl₂SiMe₂ (64 g., 0.50 mol) was added MsOH (97 g., 1.01 mol); the immiscible solution rapidly evolved HCl that was scrubbed with NaOH (250 g., 50 wt% solution) or with iced water. After the solution was stirred overnight, the homogeneous oil was sparged with N₂ gas an additional day.

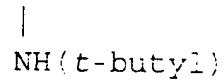
15 This synthesis is illustrated by Equation 3:



¹H NMR analysis of the product showed that one equivalent of HCl was present with two equivalents (MSO)₂SiMe₂; yield is quantitative.

EXAMPLE 2

Preparation of a Formula (II) Silane - MsOSiMe_2



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(a) Preparation of $(t\text{-BuNH})_2\text{SiMe}_2$ (equation 4).

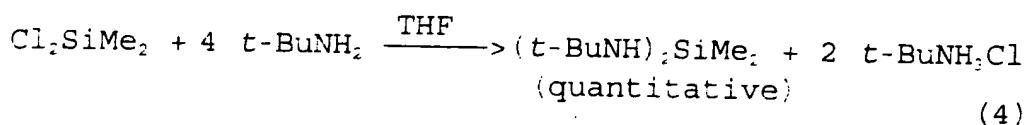
A 12 L flask equipped with an additional funnel and reflux condenser was charged with $t\text{-BuNH}_2$ (11 mol, 805 g) and THF (7 L). The solution was slowly treated with Cl_2SiMe_2 (5 mol, 645 g) that resulted in an endothermic reaction.

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After the temperature had dropped to 40°C, the white slurry was filtered, the $t\text{-BuNH}_2\text{Cl}$ was washed with THF (1 L), and the filtrate was reduced to an oil that contained 97% pure $(t\text{-BuNH})_2\text{SiMe}_2$ (¹H NMR). Yield was quantitative (1 Kg).

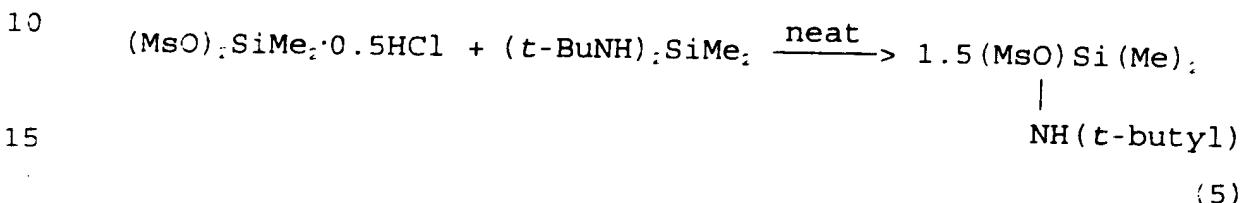
See equation 4.

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(b) Preparation of $\text{MsOSi}(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{NH}(t\text{-butyl})$

The $(t\text{-BuNH})_2\text{SiMe}_2$ prepared as described in Example 2(a) was added to one equivalent of neat $(\text{MsO})_2\text{SiMe}_2\cdot\text{CHCl}_3$ at room temperature, resulting in a 50-60°C exotherm. The resulting oil which contained insoluble solids was filtered through a glass frit to give >98% pure $(t\text{-BuNH})(\text{MsO})\text{SiMe}_2$ (^1NMR). See equation 5.



EXAMPLE 3

Formula (II) Silane - $\text{CF}_3\text{O-Si(Me)}_3$

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 NH(*t*-butyl) was prepared as
 described in Example 2 (Equation 5) except that
 $(TfO)_2Si(Me)_2$ replaces $(MsO)_2SiMe_2 \cdot 0.5 HCl$.

EXAMPLE 4

Preparation of 2-Methylcyclopentadienyl(*t*-Butylamido)

Dimethylsilane (Equation 6). A 1 L flask was charged with 2-methylcyclopentadiene (16 g, 200 mmol) and THF (160 g). The solution was cooled (-10°C) and treated with n-BuLi (1.6 M,

125 mL, 200 mmol). After the resulting white heterogeneous solution was stirred at room temperature for thirty minutes, the solution was treated with (*t*-BuNH)(MsO)SiMe₂ (47 g, 190 mmol) and the solution was stirred overnight. The solution was filtered through Celite, the residual LiOMs was washed with ether (500 mL), and the filtrate was reduced to a light-green oil. No further purification was necessary. Yield was quantitative.

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quantitative yield of 3-methyl-2-ethyl-cyclopentadienyl
(*t*-butyl amido) dimethylsilane.

Also in this example, *t*-BuNHTfOSi(Me)₂ may be used with similar results.

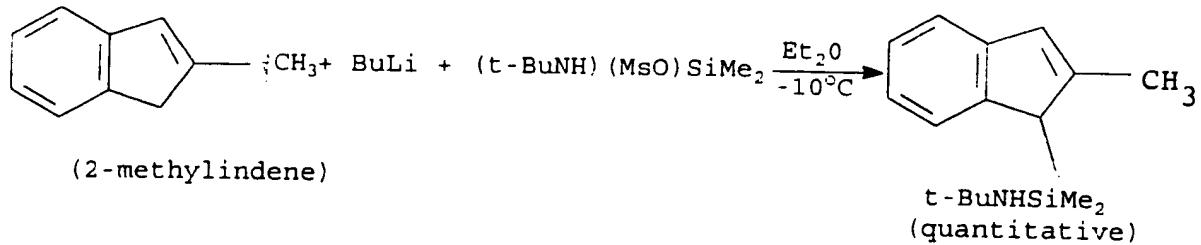
5 This example illustrates a method in which a type II silane is added directly to the reaction mixture in which an alkali metalide is formed. Alternatively, the alkali metalide, here lithium-2-methylcyclopentadiene, may be isolated from the reaction mixture in known manner and
10 thereafter reacted with either a type I or type II silane.

EXAMPLE 5

Preparation of 2-Methylindenyl(*t*-Butylamido)

Dimethylsilane (Equation 7). A 5 L flask was charged with 2-methylindene (1.67 mol, 217 g) and ether (1.5 L). The
15 solution was cooled (-10°C) and treated with BuLi (1.67 mol, 1.04L). After the solution was stirred for one hour at room temperature, the solution was cooled (-10°C) and Me₂Si(MsO)NH(*t*-Bu) (a type II silane) was added in one portion, resulting in a 20°C exotherm. After one hour at
20 room temperature, the solution was filtered through Celite, the residual solid LiCMs was washed with ether (1.5 L), and

the filtrate was reduced to a yellow oil that contained >98% pure 2-methylindenyl (*t*-butylamido) dimethylsilane (¹H NMR) in quantitative yield.



In this example, $(\text{t-buNH})\text{TfOSiMe}_2$ may be used instead
5 of $\text{t-BuNH}(\text{MsO})\text{SiMe}_2$.

Also, in this example, 2-methylindene may be replaced
with fluorene to provide a quantitative yield of 9-
fluorenyl-*t*-butyl amido dimethyl silane.

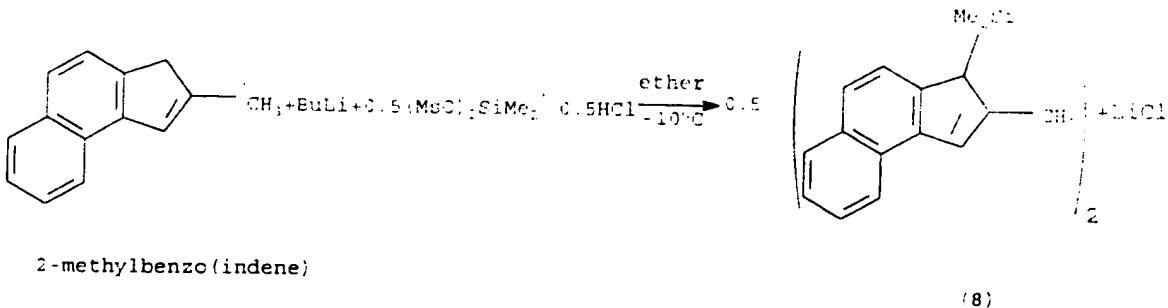
Also, in this example, 2-methylindene may be replaced
10 with bromobenzene to obtain a quantitative yield of the
expected phenyl-*t*-butylamido dimethyl silane.

EXAMPLE 6

Preparation of bis(2-methyl-benzoindenyl)

dimethylsilane (equation 8). A 2L flask charged with 2-
15 methyl-benzo(indene) (73 g, 405 mmol) and ether (500 mL) was

cooled to -10°C and treated with n-BuLi (1.6 M, 255 mL, 405 mmol). The solution was allowed to warm to room temperature for 30 minutes, cooled to about -10°C, and then treated with a neat Formula I silane ($\text{MsO}_2\text{SiMe}_2$ -0.5 HCl (54g, 203 mmol);
5 resulting in a 10-15°C exotherm. After one hour at room temperature, the white slurry was treated with CH_2Cl_2 (500 mL), and the solution was filtered through Celite into a 5L flask. The solids were washed with CH_2Cl_2 (500 mL), and the filtrate was evacuated to dryness. The white solid residue
10 was treated with ether (200 mL), and the solvent was evacuated so that most of the residual CH_2Cl_2 was removed. The solid was then treated with ether (1 L) and triturated for thirty minutes before filtering and washing the white solid with ether (200 mL). Yields vary from 20-50%. The 2-
15 methyl-benzo(indene) was recovered by treatment of the filtrate with NaOH (20 wt%) in THF.



(8)

The above procedure was repeated, except that

$(MSO_2)_2SiMe_2 \cdot 0.5HCl$ was replaced with $TfO_2Si(Me)_2$. The yield of bis(2-methylbenzoindenyl) dimethylsilane was 60-65% of the bis(2-methylbenzoindenyl) dimethylsilane.

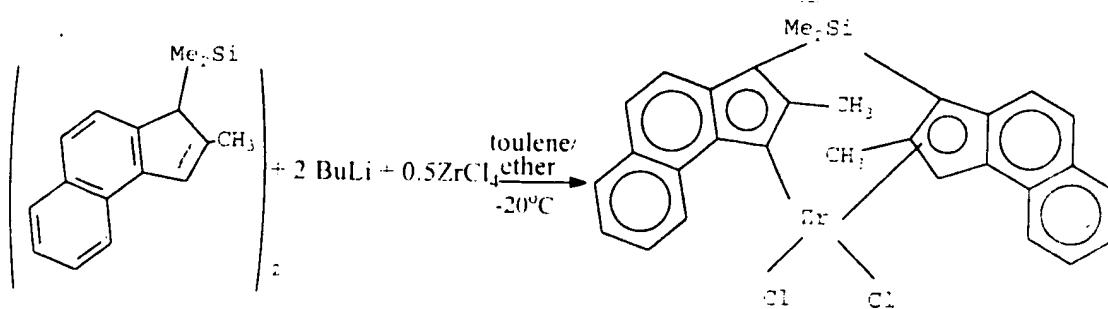
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EXAMPLE 7

Preparation of Metallocene Catalyst from the Example 5

Product (Equation 9). A 1 L flask was charged with bis(2-methylbenzoindenyl) dimethylsilane (48 g, 115 mmol), toluene (480 mL), and ether (20 g, 270 mmol). The solution was cooled (-10°C) and then treated with BuLi (1.6 M, 145 mL, 230 mmol). After the tanned-colored heterogeneous solution was stirred at room temperature for two hours, the solution was cooled (-20°C) and treated with $ZrCl_4$ (27 g, 115 mmol). By the time the solution had warmed to

-10°C, a bright yellow solution had resulted. After the yellow solution was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours, the solution was filtered, and the yellow solid was washed with toluene until the filtrate was pale yellow. The yellow filter cake was treated with an equal mass of Celite, the solids were slurried in dry CH₂Cl₂, and the product was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ through a layer of Celite into a 12 L flask that contained toluene (1 L); the extraction was stopped when the yellow color of the filtrate had turned translucent. The CH₂Cl₂ solvent was evaporated to give a toluene-slurry of yellow crystals. The solution was filtered, the yellow crystals were washed with toluene (1 L), and the yellow solid was slurried in toluene (5 L) for four hours. The solution was filtered to give 28 grams of diastereomerically pure metallocene (¹H NMR; yield - 38%).



EXAMPLE 8

Preparation of Bis(3-Trimethylsilyl (TMS) indenyl)

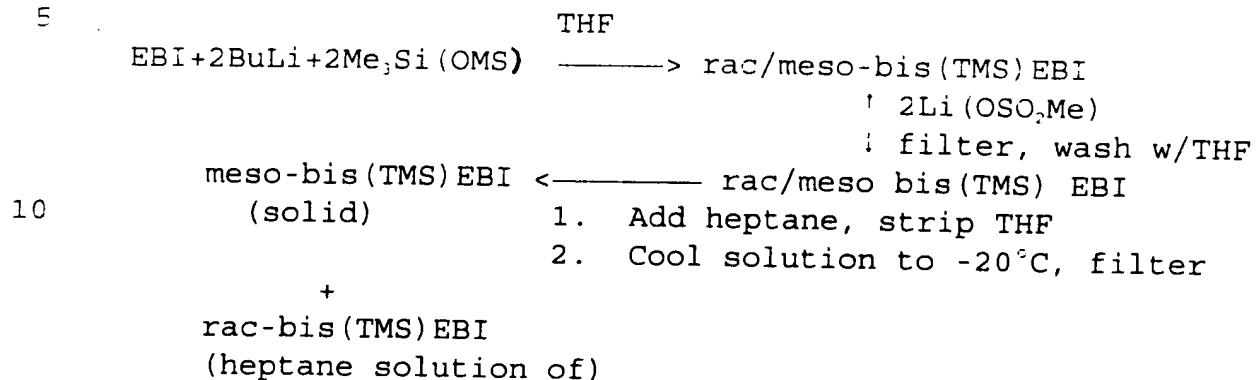
ethane (Equation 10). A 1L flask was charged with ethylene bis-indene (EBI) (0.100 mol, 26g) and THF (260g). The solution was cooled (-10°C) and treated with BuLi (0.200 mol. 125 mL). After one hour at RT, the solution was cooled (-10°C) and treated with Me₃Si(OMS) (0.200 mol., 34 g) in one portion. After thirty minutes at RT, the solution was filtered through Celite, the solids containing rac/meso bis(TMS) EBI were washed with THF (130 g), and the filtrate was reduced giving a solid that contained 98% rac-meso

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product in >98% yield. The product was extracted with heptane to separate the rac and meso isomers.

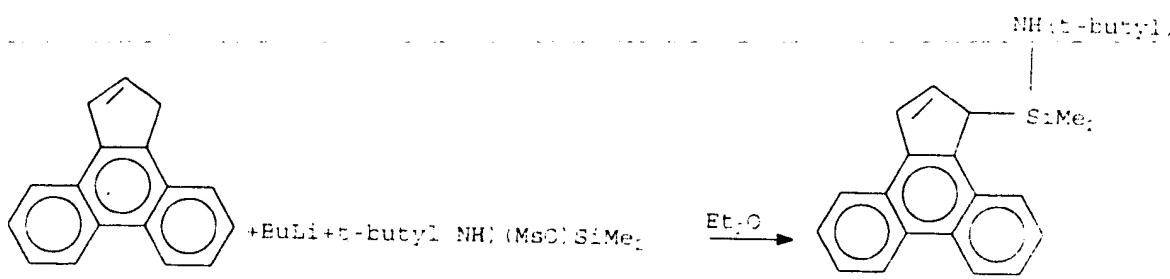
This procedure is illustrated by the following equation



15 The above procedure was repeated with several analogs
of EBI with similar results. Specific analogs of EBI were
bis(2-methylindenyl) ethane, bis(4,7-dimethylindenyl)
ethane, cyclopentadiene and methylcyclopentadiene. In this
example, $\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(\text{OTf})$ may be used instead of $\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(\text{OMs})$.

EXAMPLE 9

Preparation of N-Silylated Cyclopentadiene. This procedure is illustrated by equation 11:



FW 816 1.6M 223
 32.1g 92.9ml 33.2g
 0.1486 0.1486 0.1486

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Cyclopentaphenanthrene is mostly dissolved in diethyl ether (800 mL), n-BuLi is added, and the reaction mixture was stirred overnight.

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{O} & \text{CH}_3 \\
 || & | \\
 \text{CH}_3 - \text{S} - \text{OSi} - \text{NH-}t\text{-butyl} \\
 || & | \\
 \text{O} & \text{CH}_3
 \end{array}$$

was added neat, followed by stirring for

one-half hour. The reaction mixture was filtered. Ether

10 was removed. Yield - quantitative. In this reaction, any compound of Formula (II), page 5, may be used instead of t -butyl NHMSiMe_2 . Compounds obtaining the corresponding R groups instead of t -butyl are produced.

In this example, $\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_2\text{Si}(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{NH}$ *t*-butyl may be used instead of $\text{CH}_3\text{SO}_2\text{Si}(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{NH}$ *t*-butyl.